Program

OF THE SECOND ANNUAL

Rural Life Conference

In Connection with the
Regular Summer Session

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The purpose of this bulletin is to call attention to the program of the second Rural Life Conference which will be held in connection with the regular Summer Session of Middlebury College. The Conference has been arranged in co-operation with the Inter-Church Federation of Vermont in order to afford country clergymen and other rural social workers an opportunity to become familiar with social and economic phases of the life and activities of country communities.

The Rural Life Conference should appeal to clergymen, teachers, librarians, and town officers, to the Grange, to the Y. M. C. A., the village improvement societies and to others who are interested in the civic and social uplift of the community.

The speakers of the Conference are well known leaders in rural life of our own State and from New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Each one has accomplished specific results in his particular field of work and will give the members of the Conference the benefit of his own successful experience.

The public is cordially invited to any of the sessions of the Conference and to the evening lectures. Ministers will find it to their advantage if they can arrange to attend the Summer Session the week previous to the opening of the Conference.

CALENDAR

The Summer Session proper opens June 30th and continues until August 7th. A complete bulletin describing the courses may be obtained by writing to the Director.

The Rural Life Conference opens Tuesday evening, July 28th, and continues until Friday, July 31st.

REGISTRATION

Persons who expect to attend the sessions of the Rural Life Conference are expected to register at the office of the Director of the Summer Session soon after their arrival. There is no tuition fee but a registration fee of one dollar will be charged. Upon payment of the fee a card will be issued to the student which will admit him to all the exercises of the Conference, to the Banquet Friday evening, and will entitle him, after attendance upon the sessions of the Conference, to a certificate of membership in this second Rural Life Conference in Vermont. Regularly enrolled students of the Summer Session may attend the Conference without charge. The office of the Director is in the Pedagogical suite on the first floor of the Chapel.

LEADERSHIP OF THE CONFERENCE

The sessions of the Conference and the conduct of round table meetings, excursions, and details of the program this year as last will be under the direction of Prof. Robert J. Sprague, Ph. D., head of the Division of Humanities, and Professor of Economics and Sociology, Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass.

Professor Sprague is a graduate of Boston University, where his graduate studies were carried on and at Harvard University. In 1898 and in 1903 he studied economic and social conditions in Continental Europe, and was Carnegie research student in economics in this country in 1906. Professor Sprague's experience as an educator has been confined closely to his chosen field of study; he was professor of economics and sociology at Knox College, Illinois, 1902-'06, at the University of Maine, 1906-'11, and has held a similar position at the Massachusetts Agricultural College since 1911. As a writer and lecturer Professor Sprague has made important contributions to the solution of economic and sociological problems. During the conference he will give a course of lectures on the more important phases of Rural Sociology.

PROGRAM

TUESDAY, JULY 28TH, 8:00 P. M., COLLEGE CHAPEL.

Prof. Robert J. Sprague, Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass. Introductory Address.

John C. Scheuerle, Gen'l Sec'y, Hampden County Improvement League, Massachusetts.
"Efficient Cooperation in New England Rural Construction."

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH, 9:00 A. M.

Round Table Conference, Prof. Robert J. Sprague, Leader.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 2:00 O'CLOCK.

Prof. Robert J. Sprague, Massachusetts Agricultural College.
"Race Traits and Tendencies of the Anglo Saxon as Related to Rural Problems."

Rev. M. L. Cutler, East Jaffrey, N. H.
"Our Solution of the Problem of the Country Parish."

Rev. W. B. Dukeshire, District Superintendent Vermont Conference, St. Albans.
"The Pastor of the Rural Church, his task, and how to help him."

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8:00 O'CLOCK, COLLEGE CHAPEL.

Dr. Charles F. Dalton, Secretary State Board of Health, Burlington.
"Rural Sanitation." (Illustrated).

THURSDAY, JULY 30TH, 9:00 A. M.

Round Table Conference, Prof. Robert J. Sprague, Leader.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2:00 P. M.

Mr. H. N. Morse, Sec'y Bennington County Improvement Association, Manchester.
"A Constructive Program for County Development."

Prof. R. J. Sprague, Massachusetts Agricultural College.
"A Co-operating Community in New England and Its Methods of Work."

Rev. Fraser Metzger, Bethany Church, Randolph.
"Opportunities of a Vermont Village."

THURSDAY EVENING, 8:00 O'CLOCK, COLLEGE CHAPEL.

Hon. Chas. W. Gates, State Highway Commissioner, Franklin.
"Good Roads." (Illustrated).

FRIDAY, JULY 31ST, 9:00 O'CLOCK.

Round Table Conference, Prof. Robert J. Sprague, Leader.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2:00 O'CLOCK.

Rev. L. M. Isaacs, Orwell.
"The Responsibility of the Church toward the Social Life of Rural Communities."

James P. Taylor, Sec'y Greater Vermont Association, Burlington.
"Getting Together in Vermont."

Rev. E. A. Legg, Wilbraham, Mass.
"Social Organization and Community Work of a Church."

Prof. Robert J. Sprague, Massachusetts Agricultural College.
"New Movements in Local Government and Taxation."

FRIDAY EVENING.

Banquet to Conference Members, Battell Cottage, 7:00 o'clock.

GENERAL PLAN OF THE CONFERENCE

The Conference will open Tuesday evening, July 28th, with an introductory address by the leader of the Conference, Professor Robert J. Sprague, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, and an address by J. A. Scheuerle of Springfield, Massachusetts, formerly of Vermont.

Round Table Conferences will be held each forenoon in order that questions raised during the sessions may receive adequate treatment. In every case it is hoped that persons in attendance will realize that the Conference is primarily for their own good, and can be successful only to the extent to which they make it their own affair. Professor Sprague will have charge of these conferences.

Unless otherwise stated the sessions of the Conferences will be held in the Hemicycle, Warner Science Hall. It is expected that addresses will not be longer than forty-five minutes.

SUMMER SESSION COURSES

Several courses of the Summer Session that may have an appeal to patrons of the Rural Life Conference will be open to visitors during the week of the Conference. Attention is called to the course in Roman Architecture by Professor Sanford at nine o'clock, the course in the History of the Ancient Orient by Rev. Charles E. Hesselgrave, Ph. D., of Chatham, New Jersey, and the model classes of Supt. John C. Gray, held in Warner Science Hall from nine to eleven each morning.

Members of the Conference are invited to inspect the

buildings, libraries, laboratories and the heating plant of Middlebury College.

EXHIBITS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Preparations are being made for an exhibit of materials that relate especially to rural life. There will be a collection of books, magazines, bulletins and periodicals which will be the most complete exhibition of rural life literature in the State. A collection of charts will be exhibited during the Conference that relate to the population, industries, and education of Vermont.

Opportunity will be given to visit the Government Morgan Horse Farm to observe methods of administration and farm management, and the State Industrial School at Vergennes to observe how Vermont cares for its boys and girls in a way that is attracting the attention of students of sociology throughout the country. Visits will be paid to nearby farms where principles of farm sanitation, management, and beatification of homesteads may be studied by observation.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Between twenty-five and thirty rooms are available at Pearsons Hall, Battell Cottage, the Hillside and the men's dormitories for use of members of the Conference. Forty persons may be accommodated with board at the Battell dining hall. The rates for room and board to members of the Conference during the Session will be one dollar a day. Persons who wish to get board and rooms at the college should apply to the Director at once. Board and rooms may be obtained in private families in

the village; also at the hotels at reasonable rates. The Director will be glad to correspond with persons who wish accommodations outside the college.

The facilities of McCullough Gymnasium are open for the use of members of the Conference.

CORRESPONDENCE

All persons interested in the Summer Session or in the Rural Life Conference are invited to write for further particulars. Address correspondence to

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